



Internal Revenue Service (1.)

Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Internal Revenue Service New Carrollton Building Sprint Antenna Installations, 5000 Ellin Road, New Carrollton, Maryland. (8352)



Zoological Park (2.)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following projects are exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Elimination of a Building Restriction Line in Square 5914 - S.O. 22-01642, 1351 Alabama Avenue, SE. (8354)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for renewing the roof and paving and revitalizing the steam tunnels at the National Zoological Park's Great Cats Exhibit, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8355)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Map Amendment at Square 5914, Eastern Portion of Lot 806, 1351 Congress Street, SE. (ZC 21-17)
4. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Map Amendment at Square 6170S, 20 Chesapeake Street, SE. (ZC 21-19)



Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue

On March 3, 2022 the National Capital Planning Commission authorized release of the Pennsylvania Avenue Vision and Concepts for a 120-day public comment period that runs from March 16-July 13, 2022. This new *vision of the Avenue as a Venue* embraces the Avenue's one-of-a-kind attributes—its location, symbolism, vista, scale, and public spaces—to reclaim the street for people by elevating it as a venue for extraordinary, nationally-significant events. Three concepts explore right sizing the street to reduce space devoted to cars and provide more space for people, bikes, and transit; and improving public spaces to attract people back downtown.



Three public meetings are scheduled (Wednesday, April 13 at 12:00 pm; Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm; and Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 am). Public and stakeholder input on the vision and concepts will inform future concept development and help identify near-term pilot projects to test ideas to improve public space and event programming, as well as strategic improvements to the Avenue's event-supporting infrastructure in the mid-term. More information and future meeting updates [are available online](#).



National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission Meeting

On March 21, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission reviewed the Smithsonian site selection process for the American Women's History Museum and the National Museum of the American Latino. The National Service Animals Memorial Act (H.R. 6353/S. 3438) was also on the agenda.



Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

The draft [Vertical and Surface Guidelines](#), which inform the placement and characteristics of streetscape elements in and around the National Mall and help ensure the beauty and functionality of the area, were presented to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts on February 17. The public comment period for the guidelines is open until May 11. Staff hosted virtual public meetings on March 23 and March 30. The Interagency Working Group met in March to initiate the Small-Scale Element Guidelines and advance the Construction Manual update.



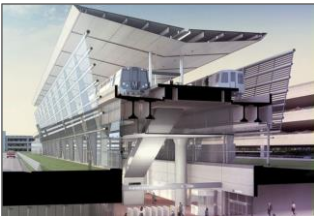
Interagency Security Committee Quarterly Meeting

On March 8, 2022, NCPC staff participated in the Interagency Security Committee quarterly meeting. The committee discussed the 2021 compliance report, security convergence guide, REAL ID and the emergence of mobile drivers' licenses, and counter-unmanned aircraft systems policy and developments. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022.



Arlington County

NCPC staff provided advisory federal interest comments to the Arlington County Community Planning, Housing, & Development Department on the proposed 1616 Fort Myer Drive development project, which is subject to a 1982 Arlington County Board resolution on views from the National Mall ("Resolution of Concern Regarding Building Heights Related to the National Capital Mall Axis"). NCPC staff commented on potential impacts on views from the primary east-west vista from the National Mall to the Western Horizon as identified in the [Technical Addendum to the Urban Design Element](#).



Capital Improvement Plans

Staff reviewed and provided comments on four local jurisdictional Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) in the National Capital Region. On March 16, the Mayor released the District of Columbia's *CIP Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2028*. The Commission will review the District's CIP at its April 7 meeting. The Council of the District of Columbia is expected to take the final budget vote in May 2022. Loudoun County's *FY 2023-2028 CIP* included multiple projects that will support an integrated regional transit system. Prince William County's *Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2028 CIP* and the Alexandria City Manager's *FY 2023-2032 Proposed CIP* included projects that will improve the regional transportation system, improve water quality and protect the Chesapeake Bay, enhance the existing trail network, and increase access to parks and open spaces.



Public Outreach

Transportation Planning Board

Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** chaired the transportation land use connections grant panel for the Transportation Planning Board. These grants are awarded to regional jurisdictions to provide consultant services for planning studies and preliminary design work in support of regional transportation and development goals.



Security Conversations with Canadian Government Representatives

On March 29, Physical Planning Division and Policy & Research Division staff met with the Government of Canada's Campus Planning Division of the Science and Parliamentary Infrastructure Branch to discuss NCPC's security work and best practices related to public space and street closures. Due to Ottawa's recent truck convoy event, the Canadian government is considering a permanent road closure within the Capital's campus and transforming this area into public space. NCPC staff shared our past urban design and security work as well as our current Public Space Security Initiative. NCPC looks forward to continued discussions and collaboration with the Government of Canada around this topic.



Blog: Uplifting the Histories of American Women

In celebration of Women's History Month, Communications and Research Support Specialist **Bsrat Mezgebe** highlighted the Smithsonian Institution's efforts to showcase the historical experiences and impact of women in this country through the American Women's History Museum and other initiatives. Read the blog at: <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/item/172/>

NCPC's Pathways in Planning

On Friday, March 11, NCPC staff members **Carlton Hart**, **Kael Anderson**, **Angela Dupont**, **Jamie Herr**, **Karin Schierhold**, **Chrishaun Smith**, **Stephen Staudigl**, and former staff member **Vivian Lee** (now with GSA) met with 15 planning major seniors from the State University of New York at Albany currently doing internships in Washington this semester. During the virtual meeting Mr. Hart presented an overview of the agency's authorities and current work which was followed by smaller break-out groups for the students to discuss career topics and ask questions.



Commemoration with the Genesee Charter School

On Thursday, March 17, the sixth-grade class of the Genesee Community Charter School (Rochester, NY) met with Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** to discuss how diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives are changing NCPC's work, including the Beyond Granite Initiative.



Pennsylvania Avenue Public Outreach

Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** conducted an interview with ABC7 (WJLA). She and Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** were interviewed by NBC4, WAMU 88.5 Radio/DCist, Washingtonian magazine, and The Diamondback at the University of Maryland.

Personnel

NCPC Welcomes two Urban Planners

Jeff Jamawat joined the Physical Planning Division where he will join both the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative and the Monumental Core Streetscape Guide teams. Jeff brings diverse experience to the agency. Most recently, he worked for the Golden Triangle and the Capital Riverfront BIDs. Prior to that, Jeff spent four years at the Mayor's Institute on City Design and was a Policy and Planning Fellow in EPA's Smart Growth Program. He received a dual master's degree in City Planning and Real Estate Development from MIT and completed his undergraduate studies in Urban and Regional Planning with a minor in GIS at California State Polytechnic University.



Jeff Jamawat



Brittney Drakeford

Brittney Drakeford comes to NCPC's Policy and Research Division from Prince George's County where she served as the Special Assistant to the Planning Director. In this role, she led the work on developing, analyzing, and evaluating evidence-supported practices for land-use policies related to food systems, health equity, community engagement, and transitional uses, while also guiding the agency's work in health and racial equity and equitable community engagement. Prior to her work with Prince George's County, Brittney worked as a senior planner for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Brittney is a graduate of both North Carolina Agricultural and Technology University and Wake Forest University and is currently an Urban and Regional Planning and Design doctoral student at the University of Maryland.

Workforce Diversity Strategic Plan

On March 23, the Executive Director signed NCPC's *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Strategic Plan* to align with Executive Order 14035 and the government-wide DEIA Plan. The plan's purpose is to identify and implement actions to create and maintain a workplace that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible.

